[Translation]

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Chittorgarh) : Mr. Speaker. Sir, let me finish my point in two minutes.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I will come to you a little later. Is it on the same subject, Andaman?

[Translation]

SHRI JASWANT SINGH : This is a separate subject.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I will come to you.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Mumbai-North East) : It is a very serious issue.

MR. SPEAKER : More or less, depends on how you look at it.

[Translation]

SHRI JASWANT SINGH : I finish my point in two minutes.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I will certainly come to you. I have called him earlier. Shri Rupchand Pal. Please be brief.

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (Hooghly) : Sir, a very serious incident has taken place at Mumbai where the Editor of a Marathi daily, *Mahanagar*, has been physically assaulted. His face has been blackened. His office has been ransacked by a group of hooligans...*(Interruptions)*

The only fault for which this Editor had been subjected to such torture and humiliation was that his Daily had carried some critical reports about the Shiv Sena Chief. It is nothing but an attack on the freedom of the Press and the Editors' Guild has condemned this...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Jaswant Singh.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Enough: enough.

(Interruptions)

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR (Mumbai North-West) : Sir, please allow me to react.

MR. SPEAKER : Nobody heard who said what.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Sarpotdar, you do not have to worry. Nobody heard who said what.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have given the floor to Shri Jaswant Singh. Let him make his point.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV (Patna) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is an unfortunate incident...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

12.19 hrs

RE : SITUATION ARISING OUT OF THE ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT JUDGMENT REGARDING IMPOSITION OF PRESIDENT'S RULE IN UTTAR PRADESH

[Translation]

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Chittorgarh) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the leader of the opposition Honourable Shri Atal ji raised a point before the question Hour. The High Court has delivered a judgement. We were expecting that considering the constitutional and the political situation in U.P. arising out of the Government's position in the state, till then it would not be clear about the constitutional crisis in U.P., it would not be difficult to state the position of the Government in that State?...*(Interruptions)*

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (Allahabad) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very important issue...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I will give my ruling.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : No, no; you do not have to make noise about that. Please sit down. In today's Agenda, at Item No. 17, there is a Bill for consideration.

[Translation]

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : It is not required now.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Why don't you understand it?

This Bill is before the House. I have received a notice from Mr. Lodha to raise a Constitutional issue, that is when the High Court has quashed the President's Rule, whether the House can Constitutionally take up this Bill.

I will have to go into the provision of the Constitution and also the rules. At the time when this Bill will be before the House I am sure the Government will come out with its version. Let me also go into the provisions of the Constitution. At that stage, I think we will consider this matter.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Mumbai-North East) : Sir, this is your ruling with regard to the Bill only. What about the judgement?

MR. SPEAKER : That is the time when it will come.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : These two questions are not related to each other...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Sir, the Government should follow your example. You were so prompt in your